

2005-2006
Student Advisory Board
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

WORKPLAN

TOP PRIORITIES:

- **Second Chance.** To increase admission and graduation opportunities for students wishing to attend college in Oklahoma, the board will examine the State Regents current Student Grading Policy and explore the addition of a “second chance” GPA provision for students with poor academic records.
- **T.S.E.I.P. Restructuring.** Currently, T.S.E.I.P (Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program) reimburses eligible student loans for Oklahoma college and university graduates who teach math or science in Oklahoma secondary schools for at least five years. The board will examine expanding the program to include Oklahoma graduates who teach history, English, and numerous other courses in Oklahoma secondary schools.
- **Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG).** OTEG is a new program approved by the 2004 legislature that provides grant funding for Oklahoma students attending private institutions within Oklahoma. The board will explore ways to promote OTEG as one of the state’s official financial aid programs and will examine how the State Regents can best ensure that OTEG is accomplishing what it was intended to accomplish.
- **Opportunities Abroad:** In an effort to create greater opportunities for Oklahoma students to study foreign languages and cultures, as well as to improve economic ties in the State of Oklahoma, the SAB will explore ways to create new study abroad programs in Oklahoma and promote those programs already in place.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

- **Teacher Enhancement:** The 2004-2005 Board passed a joint resolution with the Faculty Advisory Council to assign a student liaison to the Faculty Development Consortium each year. A student liaison from the 2005-2006 Board will be selected to attend all meetings during the academic year.
- **Project Promotion:** In order to improve awareness of state scholarship and aid programs to high school counselors, parents, and students, the SAB will continue to encourage the promotion of new and existing state programs.

- **Advance Education Tax Incentive:** The 2004-2005 Board submitted a joint resolution with the Faculty Advisory Council asking that “the Regents, Governor, Chancellor, State Legislature, and Department of Commerce pursue the development and implementation of a corporate tax incentive for the placement of Oklahoma graduates in the technology and bio-research industries.” The 2005-2006 Board will continue to pursue this initiative in order to see that legislation making the tax proposal state law is passed and enacted, specifically working with Representative Doug Cox from the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Additionally, we will continue looking for more opportunities to promote this proposal throughout the state.

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The purpose of the Student Advisory Board is to communicate to the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university students on those issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. In representing students, the Student Advisory Board shall combine the opinions of students with good sound research to develop the best proposals and recommendations for The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.